

§ 32.7370 Special charges.

This account shall include the following costs that are typically given special regulatory scrutiny for rate-making purposes. Unless specific justification to the contrary is given, such costs are presumed to be excluded from the costs of service in setting rates.

(a) Lobbying includes expenditures for the purpose of influencing public opinion with respect to the election or appointment of public officials, referenda, legislation, or ordinances (either with respect to the possible adoption of new referenda, legislation or ordinances, or repeal or modification of existing referenda, legislation or ordinances) or approval, modification, or revocation of franchises, or for the purpose of influencing the decisions of public officials. This also includes advertising, gifts, honoraria, and political contributions. This does not include such expenditures which are directly related to communications with and appearances before regulatory or other governmental bodies in connection with the reporting utility's existing or proposed operations;

(b) Contributions for charitable, social or community welfare purposes;

(c) Membership fees and dues in social, service and recreational or athletic clubs and organizations;

(d) Penalties and fines paid on account of violations of statutes. This account shall also include penalties and fines paid on account of violations of U.S. antitrust statutes, including judgements and payments in settlement of civil and criminal suits alleging such violations; and

(e) Abandoned construction projects.

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§ 32.7399 Content of accounts.

The Nonoperating Tax accounts shall include taxes arising from activities which are not a part of the central operations of the entity.

§ 32.7400 Nonoperating taxes.

This account number shall be used by Class A telephone companies to summarize for reporting purposes the contents of Accounts 7410 through 7450.

Class B telephone companies shall use this account for nonoperating taxes of the type and character required of Class A companies in Accounts 7410 through 7450.

§ 32.7410 Nonoperating investment tax credits—net.

(a) This account shall be charged and Account 4330, Unamortized Nonoperating Investment Tax Credits—Net, shall be credited with investment tax credits generated from qualified expenditures related to other operations which the company has elected to defer rather than recognize currently in income.

(b) This account shall be credited and Account 4330 shall be charged with the amortization of each year's investment tax credits included in such accounts relating to amortization of previously deferred investment tax credits of other property or regulated property, the amortization of which does not serve to reduce costs of service (but the unamortized balance does reduce rate base) for ratemaking purposes. Such amortization shall be determined with reference to the period of time used for computing book depreciation on the property with respect to which the tax credits relate.

§ 32.7420 Nonoperating Federal income taxes.

(a) This account shall be charged and Account 4070, Income Taxes—Accrued, shall be credited for the amount of nonoperating Federal income taxes for the current period. This account shall also reflect subsequent adjustments to amounts previously charged.

(b) Taxes shall be accrued each month on an estimated basis and adjustments made as later data becomes available.

(c) Companies that adopt the flow-through method of accounting for investment tax credits shall reduce the calculated provision in this account by the entire amount of the credit realized during the year. Tax credits, other than investment tax credits, if normalized, shall be recorded consistent with the accounting for investment tax credits.

(d) No entries shall be made to this account to reflect interperiod tax allocation.